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- A Bristol Township, Pennsylvania man risked the lives of utility workers and police officers after he allegedly tried to steal copper cable used to provide safe walking amperage at a PECO facility, Phillyburbs.com reported November 20. – *Phillyburbs.com* (See item [2](#))
- Three weeks after Hurricane Sandy, four New York City hospitals remain closed for inpatients, leaving thousands of patients scrambling to find other medical centers for treatment. – *Kaiser Health News* (See item [25](#))
- Four southern California men were charged with plotting to kill Americans and destroy U.S. targets overseas by joining al-Qa'ida and the Taliban in Afghanistan, federal officials said November 19. – *Associated Press* (See item [29](#))
- Bomb threats closed multiple courthouses across Oregon November 19. All threats were found to be false, but the calls mirror others phoned in to government buildings across Washington and Nebraska this month. – *Herald and News* (See item [31](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *November 20, Associated Press* – (Oregon; Washington) **Rain, wind cause power outages, flooding in Pacific Northwest.** Residents in Washington and Oregon braced for more wet weather after a fierce storm swamped streets, toppled trees and large trucks, cut power to nearly 50,000 residents, and caused at least one death, the Associated Press reported November 20. Puget Sound Energy reported 24,000 electricity outages November 19 in its western Washington service area, with most service restored by that evening. In Oregon, the storm knocked out electricity to as many as 24,000 Pacific Power customers. Several thousand remained in the dark November 19, mainly in Clatsop, Lincoln, and Coos counties. The rain will continue but all major roads and passes in the Northwest were open. Flood warnings were issued for a handful of western Washington rivers, with moderate flooding expected November 20 along the Chehalis River in the Centralia area. Residents there were told where to find sandbags and were directed to move any endangered livestock to higher ground. The rain caused widespread reports of flooded roads and highways, some mudslides and residential flooding, and even sewage overflows in parts of Seattle and Everett. Several blocks of downtown streets were briefly flooded in Port Orchard, west of Seattle. BNSF Railway imposed a 48-hour moratorium on passenger and commuter train travel between Everett and Seattle, starting November 19, after at least 10 mudslides affected the tracks, a spokesman said.  
Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/2012/nov/20/rain-wind-cause-power-outages-flooding-pacific-nor/>
2. *November 20, Phillyburbs.com* – (Pennsylvania) **Police: Suspected copper theft risked lives of PECO workers, police.** A Bristol Township, Pennsylvania man risked the lives of PECO workers and police officers after he allegedly tried to steal copper cable used as a grounding safety measure, Phillyburbs.com reported November 20. Bristol Township police were also investigating two similar copper thefts at the PECO property the week of November 12 that resulted in more than \$30,000 in damage. November 17, Bristol Township police and PECO employees were called to the property in the 7100 block of Mill Creek Road for a report of criminal trespassing, police said. Two men were seen running inside the power plant building. The two men allegedly cut and damaged copper cables that help protect PECO employees entering the site from being electrocuted by providing safe walking amperage on the property, police said. The utility's repair crews began fixing the damaged cables and an initial damage estimate totaled more than \$10,000 in damage, police said. The man was arraigned November 19 before a district judge on charges of criminal trespassing, conspiracy, theft, receiving stolen property, and related charges.  
Source: [http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/courier\\_times\\_news/police-suspected-copper-theft-risked-lives-of-peco-workers-police/article\\_2a80c608-6b6d-52fd-aa62-6f9becbfa96d.html](http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/courier_times_news/police-suspected-copper-theft-risked-lives-of-peco-workers-police/article_2a80c608-6b6d-52fd-aa62-6f9becbfa96d.html)
3. *November 20, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **Gas line explodes in Lewiston.** A construction worker digging with a backhoe in Lewiston, Idaho, struck a 4-inch natural

gas line, sparking an explosion and fire that rocked the downtown area, destroyed the backhoe and damaged a nearby building, the Associated Press reported November 20. The Lewiston Tribune reported flames shot 100-feet into the air after the explosion November 19. The newspaper and several nearby businesses were evacuated while firefighters battled the blaze. An Avista spokesman said three natural gas lines that serve the area were shut off within 20 minutes of the explosion. The fire was out about 20 minutes later. An administrator for the city's Urban Renewal Agency said the quality of mapping used for the renovation project may be partly to blame for the explosion.

Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/news/Gas-line-explodes-in-Lewiston-180170051.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

4. *November 20, Wilkes-Barre Times Leader* – (Pennsylvania) **Unit 2 nuclear reactor shut down due to oil leak.** The Unit 2 reactor at PPL's Susquehanna nuclear power plant in Salem Township, Pennsylvania, was shut down shortly after returning to service November 19 due to a hydraulic oil leak. Operators disconnected the reactor from the regional power grid to investigate the oil leak on a system that controls the flow of steam into a turbine. The oil leak is not affecting employee or public safety and is contained within the turbine building.

Source: <http://timesleader.com/stories/Unit-2-nuclear-reactor-shut-down-due-to-oil-leak,231854>

5. *November 20, Global Security Newswire* – (International) **Radiation sensors deployed at Kazakh airport.** Kazakhstan and the United States in recent days officially activated radiation sensors at the Astana International Airport that are part of a bilateral effort to guard against the trafficking of nuclear-weapon ingredients, according to a November 15 press release from the U.S. National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). The NNSA Second Line of Defense Program has collaborated with the Kazakhstan Customs Control Committee to deploy atomic material sensors at 24 locations in the former Soviet republic, including airports and border checkpoints. Financial donations from third-party countries were essential in enabling the effort, the release says.

Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/kazakhstan-us-install-atomic-material-sensors-airport/>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

6. *November 20, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Ga. insurance chief warns consumers after breach.** The Georgia Insurance Commissioner confirmed that 28,467 households in the State could be affected by an online security breach involving Nationwide Insurance Co., the Associated Press reported November 20. He said the company notified him that a portion of its computer network was accessed illegally. The hackers gained unauthorized access to personal information of policyholders and applicants for policies. He said the company also committed to provide his office with evidence of written notice to everyone who could have been affected and to provide those people with free credit monitoring and identify theft protection for at least a year.

Source: <http://www.wtvm.com/story/20143612/ga-insurance-chief-warns-consumers-after-breach>

7. *November 20, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Beware card- and cash-trapping at the ATM.** Security experts with the European ATM Security Team (EAST) say five countries in the region this year have reported card trapping incidents, Krebs on Security reported November 20. Such attacks involve devices that fit over the card acceptance slot and include a razor-edged spring trap that prevents the customer's card from being ejected from the ATM when the transaction is completed. "Spring traps are still being widely used," EAST wrote in its most recent European Fraud Update. "Once the card has been inserted, these prevent the card being returned to the customer and also stop the ATM from retracting it." According to EAST, most card trapping incidents take place outside normal banking hours with initial fraudulent usage taking place within 10 minutes of the card capture (balance inquiry and cash withdrawal at a nearby ATM), followed by point-of-sale transactions. A twist on this attack involves "cash traps," often claw-like contraptions that thieves insert into the cash-dispensing slot which are capable of capturing or skimming some of the dispensed bills. EAST also reports that one of the most common ways that ATM thieves are stealing cash recently involves jamming an oversized fork-like device into the cash dispenser slot to keep it open following a normal ATM transaction. Thieves in Europe reportedly used this method to steal more than a million Euros from French cash machines this year.

Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/11/beware-card-and-cash-trapping-at-the-atm/>

8. *November 20, Associated Press* – (International) **UBS rogue trader guilty of fraud.** A rogue trader who lost \$2.2 billion in bad deals at Swiss bank UBS was sentenced to 7

years in prison November 20 after being convicted in what prosecutors called the biggest fraud case in U.K. banking history. The trader exceeded his trading limits and failed to cover his losses, allegedly faking records to hide his tracks at the bank's London office. At one point, he risked running losses of up to \$12 billion.

Source:

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jEctqCa9X7T8oa\\_dmSaoy-0fP6jQ?docId=f8dc2b30cdad440898d48460b004f68f](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jEctqCa9X7T8oa_dmSaoy-0fP6jQ?docId=f8dc2b30cdad440898d48460b004f68f)

9. *November 19, Bloomberg News* – (Texas; International) **Stanford's accountants guilty of hiding \$7 billion fraud.** Two former accounting executives were convicted of helping the Texas financier who ran Stanford International Bank Ltd. hide a Ponzi scheme that bilked investors of \$7 billion, Bloomberg News reported November 19. A jury in federal court in Houston convicted Stanford's ex-chief accounting officer, and its former global controller of conspiring to hide a fraud scheme built on bogus certificates of deposit at the Antigua-based bank. The two men are the last former Stanford executives to face criminal trial over the scheme. Prosecutors told jurors the accountants were among a handful of employees carefully tracking funds the company's founder "sucked out" of the bank to finance risky private ventures. The founder was convicted in March of masterminding the fraud and stealing more than \$2 billion of investor deposits to finance a lavish lifestyle.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-11-19/stanford-s-accountants-guilty-of-hiding-7-billion-fraud>

10. *November 19, Associated Press* – (Rhode Island) **RI men who scammed terminally ill in \$30M investment fraud plead guilty mid-trial.** Two men accused of stealing the identities of terminally ill people to reap \$30 million from insurance companies and brokerage houses pleaded guilty November 19 in Providence, Rhode Island, several days into their trial. An estate planning lawyer and philanthropist who was the CEO of Estate Planning Resources, and his former employee, each entered guilty pleas in U.S. District Court to single counts of wire fraud and conspiracy, ending the trial that began the week of November 12 and was expected to last up to 3 months. Prosecutors said the CEO and his employee took out variable annuities and so-called "death-put" bonds that would pay out when a person died. Authorities said they lied to terminally ill people to get personal information that was used to purchase bonds and annuities in their names without consent.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/ri-men-who-scammed-terminally-ill-in-30m-investment-fraud-plead-guilty-mid-trial/2012/11/19/1ecadeb8-325f-11e2-92f0-496af208bf23\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/ri-men-who-scammed-terminally-ill-in-30m-investment-fraud-plead-guilty-mid-trial/2012/11/19/1ecadeb8-325f-11e2-92f0-496af208bf23_story.html)

11. *November 19, Associated Press* – (New Jersey; International) **NJ-based executives with Celgene, Sanofi-Aventis charged in insider trading scheme.** Executives at two leading drug companies were among six people arrested November 19 and charged with insider trading in what federal prosecutors said was a five-year-long scheme that netted more than \$1 million. Among those charged were the director of financial reporting at Celgene Corp., a biotech drug maker based in Summit, New Jersey; and a man who held a similar position at Sanofi-Aventis, a France-based pharmaceutical company with U.S. headquarters in Bridgewater. Along with a high school friend of the

first man, who was a marketing executive with Stryker Corp., a medical technology company, they passed privileged information on their companies' merger and acquisition plans, financial results, and regulatory applications to others who would make stock trades based on the information, according to the criminal complaint. Insider trading was alleged to have occurred prior to several deals, including Celgene's purchase of Pharmion, and Celgene's acquisition of Abraxis.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/nj-based-executives-with-celgene-sanofi-aventis-charged-in-insider-trading-scheme/2012/11/19/ce767aec-3279-11e2-92f0-496af208bf23\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/nj-based-executives-with-celgene-sanofi-aventis-charged-in-insider-trading-scheme/2012/11/19/ce767aec-3279-11e2-92f0-496af208bf23_story.html)

12. *November 19, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (Georgia; National) **SEC halts prime bank scheme in Georgia.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) November 19 charged the operators of a long-running prime bank scheme with defrauding at least 220 investors in more than 20 States of \$15 million. It also is seeking an emergency court order to freeze the operators' assets for the benefit of investors. The SEC alleges that a man who lives in Florida, and a woman, a former Georgia resident who now lives in California, raised \$15 million from investors, primarily in Georgia. The man portrayed himself as the "U.S. Director" of a secret European trust that had the power to create money and claimed to have appointed the woman as a "U.S. Regional Director" for the trust. The two led investors to believe that they could receive 38 percent annual interest on loans to the trust, provided they abide by the trust's strict rules requiring secrecy. However, investor money was instead used to merely pay other investors, the hallmark of a Ponzi scheme. The SEC's complaint also names as relief defendants two entities that the man controls — MSC Holdings USA LLC, and MSC Holdings Inc. — and another entity controlled by the woman — MSC GA Holdings LLC. The SEC believes the three firms may have received ill-gotten assets from the fraud that should be returned to investors.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-236.htm>

13. *November 19, Wall Street Journal* – (Delaware) **First Bank of Delaware loses charter over AML problems.** First Bank of Delaware was stripped of its State charter to operate and the bank was penalized \$15 million by federal regulators for failing to implement an effective anti-money laundering compliance program, the Wall Street Journal reported November 19. The bank, based in Wilmington, Delaware, settled with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crime Enforcement Network, which together found that First Bank failed to implement an effective compliance program with internal controls designed to report evidence of money laundering or other suspicious activity. First Bank also settled charges with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) related to the same misconduct. The DOJ alleged that the bank, from 2009 to 2011, violated the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act by originating withdrawals on behalf of fraudulent merchants, causing money to be taken from the bank accounts of consumers. The bank established direct relationships with several fraudulent merchants and third-party payments processors working with additional fraudulent merchants, the DOJ alleged. It originated hundreds of thousands of debit transactions against consumers' bank accounts, using "remotely-created checks," a type of transaction the DOJ said is widely known to be used by fraudulent companies. The DOJ alleged that



First Bank knew, or at least turned a blind eye, to the fact that the authorization for the withdrawals was obtained by fraud.

Source: <http://blogs.wsj.com/corruption-currents/2012/11/19/first-bank-of-delaware-loses-charter-over-aml-problems/>

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## **Transportation Sector**

14. *November 20, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Big rig crashes, spills asphalt on 710 freeway.** A stretch of the northbound 710 Freeway was partially reopened, hours after a big rig hauling hot asphalt overturned. The crash happened November 19 north of Firestone Boulevard in Bell Gardens, California. The truck and several other vehicles were involved in the crash, which left the big rig in flames. At least three minor injuries were reported. The injured were taken to area hospitals, according to the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The two left lanes of the northbound 710 were reopened November 20.

Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-710-fwy-crash,0,195497.story>

15. *November 20, Atlanta Journal Constitution* – (Georgia) **Cobb Parkway reopens after chemical spill.** A busy Cobb County, Georgia roadway that was shut down after a November 19 chemical spill reopened in time for November 20 commute. Lanes in both directions of Cobb Parkway, also known as U.S. 41, were closed due to the afternoon chemical spill in Marietta. Cobb Parkway was shut down for about two miles from Bells Ferry Road to Allgood Road in both directions, and some businesses in the area were temporarily evacuated, according to a Marietta police spokesman. Late in the evening, southbound lanes of Cobb Parkway had reopened, and the northbound lanes were opened to traffic a few hours later. Investigators believe the load shifted on a truck heading southbound on Cobb Parkway at the Canton Road connector, causing the truck to overturn. That caused just under 50,000 pounds of sodium hydroxide, a liquid and potentially dangerous chemical, to leak onto the roadway. The Hometown Inn, on Cobb Parkway, and other neighboring business were evacuated for a few hours as a precaution. Several side streets also were blocked, according to police. An environmental company was also at the scene to assist with cleanup.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/breaking-news/chemical-spill-closes-portion-of-cobb-parkway/nS9xk/>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

16. *November 20, KWWL 7 Waterloo* – (Iowa) **Father and son accused of stealing soybeans from Iowa County farm.** A father and son are accused of stealing over \$10,000 worth of soybeans from a farm in Iowa County, Iowa, KWWL 7 Waterloo reported November 20. The two men were arrested November 19, and investigators said the pair entered a crib in Iowa County on five different occasions to steal the soybeans. Both men face five counts of third degree burglary and one count of second degree theft.  
Source: <http://www.kwwl.com/story/20145795/2012/11/20/father-and-son-accused-of-stealing-soybeans-from-iowa-county-farm>
17. *November 19, eFoodAlert* – (National) **Food recall: Bailey's Hazelnut Creamer.** Bi-Lo and Food City advised their customers that Bailey's Hazelnut Creamer 16-ounce with the expiration date of February 26, 2013 was recalled due to a quality issue, eFoodAlert reported November 19.  
Source: <http://efoodalert.net/2012/11/19/recalls-and-alerts-november-19-2012/>
18. *November 19, Food Safety News* – (National) **Salad makings blamed for 5-State E. coli outbreak.** An outbreak of E. coli across 5 States has sickened 28 and put 10 people in hospitals. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said November 19 that most of the cases were in New York. Of those hospitalized, two developed the kidney-threatening hemolytic uremic syndrome. "Collaborative investigation efforts of State, local, and federal public health and regulatory agencies indicate that Wegmans brand Organic Spinach and Spring Mix blend produced by State Garden of Chelsea, Massachusetts, is one likely source of this outbreak," the CDC said in a statement released on its Web site. Other brands of pre-packaged leafy greens were reported by ill persons outside New York, and investigations are going to determine if there are other sources for this outbreak, the CDC reported. Wegmans recalled the Organic Spinach and Spring Mix blend November 2.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/11/salad-makings-blamed-for-5-state-stec-o157h7-outbreak/>
19. *November 19, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Illinois) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites Cargill Meat Solutions for exposing workers to hazardous energy at Illinois plant, proposes \$114,000 in fines.** November 19, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced that it cited Cargill Meat Solutions Corp. with three safety violations for failing to protect workers from unexpected start-up of machines at its Beardstown, Illinois pork processing facility. Proposed penalties totaled \$114,000. OSHA initiated an inspection upon receiving a complaint alleging hazards. Cargill was cited for one willful, one repeat, and one serious violation. The company, headquartered in Wichita, Kansas, is a processor and distributor of fresh beef, pork, and turkey, as well as cooked and marinated meats for retail and food service customers.  
Source:  
[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=23271](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23271)



## **Water Sector**

20. *November 20, KTVQ 2 Billings* – (Montana) **City of Roundup under a boil order for drinking water.** The city of Roundup, Montana, issued a boil order for all drinking water, KTVQ 2 Billings reported November 20. A water operator for the city of Roundup said contaminants may be present in the Roundup water supply due to pump problems. He said those problems caused dirt to enter the water supply which may be carrying contaminants which are not healthy to drink. The water was safe to drink once boiled, and the order was in effect until further notice.  
Source: <http://www.ktvq.com/news/city-of-roundup-under-a-boil-order-for-drinking-water/>
21. *November 19, Water Technology Online* – (Louisiana; Texas) **Company in Houston fined \$26,100 for Clean Water Act violations.** The Hilcorp Energy Company of Houston was fined \$26,100 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for spill prevention, control, and countermeasure violations under the Clean Water Act, according to a press release November 19. A March 28, 2012 inspection of the offshore oil production facility in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana found the company failed to address secondary containment for spilled gasoline and collection of oil discharges. The spill prevention and countermeasure plan did not provide a spare pump or method of activation for surface and underground valves at the facility, and the company had not developed or implemented a response plan to address a major oil discharge. Federal regulations require facilities with more than 42,000 gallons of oil storage capacity and transport oil over water to maintain a facility response plan. The facility has a storage capacity of over 477,000 gallons of oil with a drainage area from Zinzin Bay to the Gulf of Mexico. The facility did not have a facility response plan.  
Source: <http://www.watertechonline.com/articles/165691-company-in-houston-fined-26100-for-clean-water-act-violations>
22. *November 19, Marin Independent Journal* – (California) **Rain on Saturday leads to four sewage spills in Fairfax, Larkspur, and San Anselmo over weekend.** Heavy rain November 17 resulted in four sewage spills in California's Ross Valley Sanitary District system including Fairfax, Larkspur, and San Anselmo. The largest spill, currently estimated at about 3,000 gallons occurred in San Anselmo. It is believed the overflow was caused by a brick lodged in the siphon that runs under Sleepy Hollow Creek. District officials said November 19 that cleanup at both locations had been completed, and water samples from the creek were being tested to determine how much sewage entered the creek. They said warning signs were posted at the creek. A blockage caused by roots was suspected to be the cause of a 730-gallon spill in Fairfax. Sewage escaped into storm drains and some effluent entered Fairfax Creek. Cleanup efforts were completed and water samples of the creek were being tested.  
Source: [http://www.marinij.com/sananselmo/ci\\_22029416/rain-saturday-leads-four-sewage-spills-fairfax-larkspur?source=most\\_viewed](http://www.marinij.com/sananselmo/ci_22029416/rain-saturday-leads-four-sewage-spills-fairfax-larkspur?source=most_viewed)

23. *November 19, Associated Press* – (National) **Iowa releases plan to cut runoff in Gulf of Mexico.** Wastewater treatment and industrial plants would be asked to make costly upgrades to cut pollution while farmers would do so voluntarily under a long-awaited strategy released November 19 to reduce harmful nutrients in Iowa waterways and the Gulf of Mexico. The Iowa governor's administration released the 200-page document laying out plans to tackle one of Iowa's most pressing environmental issues, after two years of study and private meetings. It comes in response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's order in 2008 for 12 States along the Mississippi River to develop strategies to prevent nitrates and phosphorous from reaching the Gulf of Mexico, where excess levels of the substances make large areas unsuitable for marine and plant life. Iowa was a leading contributor to the problem, which comes from runoff caused by fertilizers and manure used on farm fields and at wastewater and industrial plants. For the first time, the 130 plants would be required to take additional steps to remove phosphorous and nitrogen. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources would require those plants to remove those nutrients as wastewater gets treated, which could cost taxpayers and businesses \$1.5 billion over 20 years but reduce the amount of nitrogen discharged annually by more than 11,000 tons. The State's 90,000 farmers, meanwhile, would be encouraged to reduce runoff through best land management practices and public and private conservation programs. The plans will be implemented across Iowa after a 45-day public comment period that ends January 4.  
Source: <http://www2.wjtv.com/news/2012/nov/19/iowa-releases-plan-to-cut-runoff-in-gulf-of-mexico-ar-5002557/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

24. *November 19, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Second person arrested for threatening to bomb Beverly Hospital.** Just two days after a woman was arrested and charged with threatening to bomb Beverly Hospital in Massachusetts, and kill public safety officials, a Gloucester man was in custody for allegedly making a similar threat to bomb the hospital. He was picked up by police November 17 after allegedly threatening hospital personnel over the phone. According to a statement from a Beverly police spokesman, the man said he was dissatisfied with treatment at the hospital. The police spokesman said police responded to the hospital November 17 and hospital personnel told officers that the man had called to complain about a previous visit and allegedly made reference to the woman's actions before directly threatening the hospital himself. Gloucester police assisted in taking the man into custody at his residence without incident.  
Source:  
[http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/beverly/2012/11/second\\_person\\_arrested\\_for\\_t.html](http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/beverly/2012/11/second_person_arrested_for_t.html)
25. *November 19, Kaiser Health News* – (New York) **4 NYC hospitals still closed by Hurricane Sandy.** Three weeks after Hurricane Sandy, four New York City hospitals remain closed for inpatients, leaving thousands of patients scrambling to find other medical centers to treat everything from broken bones to brain cancer, Kaiser Health

News reported November 19. The closures of NYU Langone Medical Center, Bellevue Hospital Center, the Manhattan VA Medical Center, and Coney Island Hospital have meant more business for some nearby hospitals and an unwelcomed cost for others. Several of the hospitals taking in Sandy evacuees initially reported losing millions of dollars – with much of the shortfall the result of taking in Medicaid and uninsured patients from Bellevue and, in some cases, displaced nursing home residents.

Source:

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/PublicHealthPolicy/GeneralProfessionalIssues/36013>

26. *November 19, Associated Press* – (Louisiana; National) **15 new West Nile cases, 1 death this past week.** Fifteen new West Nile virus cases and one death from the virus have been reported the week of November 19, according to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH). In addition, one patient's illness changed from flu-like West Nile fever to a dangerous "neuroinvasive" infection affecting the brain or spinal cord. "Not only do we continue to find more cases — this week, we have three parishes reporting their first human cases of West Nile for the year," the DHH secretary said in a news release. The total number of cases 2012 is up to 371, including 152 of neuroinvasive disease, and 16 deaths, all within 2 weeks of disease onset.

Source: [http://www.necn.com/11/19/12/15-new-West-Nile-cases-1-death-this-past/landing\\_nation.html?&apID=1f5387a6deb945c89b5ac6882edbb299](http://www.necn.com/11/19/12/15-new-West-Nile-cases-1-death-this-past/landing_nation.html?&apID=1f5387a6deb945c89b5ac6882edbb299)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

27. *November 20, WFOR 4 Miami* – (Florida) **Child shot on bus in Homestead has died.** A girl who was airlifted to Miami Children's Hospital after being shot while on a school bus November 20 died from her injuries. Miami-Dade police said the shooting happened on a private transportation bus which was taking students to several charter schools. A police spokesman said the 13-year old girl who was shot was headed to Palm Glades Preparatory School. A detective also confirmed that they had a male who was on the bus in custody and were questioning him in connection to the shooting. Police did not release any information on what may have led to the shooting.

Source: [http://miami.cbslocal.com/2012/11/20/child-shot-on-bus-in-homestead/?hpt=ju\\_bn4](http://miami.cbslocal.com/2012/11/20/child-shot-on-bus-in-homestead/?hpt=ju_bn4)

28. *November 20, United Press International* – (International) **U.S. Embassy guard attacked in Israel.** A security guard at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv was slightly injured in an attack by an Israeli man, Israeli police said November 20. The man entered the embassy with an ax and knife and attacked the guard before other security guards fired warning shots and overpowered the suspect, Israel Radio said. The man was taken for questioning by police, the report said. Police said the man from Bat Yam is apparently mentally unstable. The embassy released a statement saying the situation was under control.

Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/World-News/2012/11/20/US-Embassy-guard-attacked-in-Israel/UPI-58991353410756/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2012/11/20/US-Embassy-guard-attacked-in-Israel/UPI-58991353410756/)

29. *November 20, Associated Press* – (National; International) **FBI: 4 Calif. men charged in alleged terror plot.** Four southern California men were charged with plotting to kill Americans and destroy U.S. targets overseas by joining al-Qa’ida and the Taliban in Afghanistan, federal officials said November 19. The defendants, including a man who served in the U.S. Air Force, were arrested for plotting to bomb military bases and government facilities, and for planning to engage in “violent jihad,” an FBI spokeswoman said in a release. Federal authorities said the trio and the FBI’s confidential source bought airplane tickets the week of November 12 for flights from Mexico City to Istanbul, with plans to later continue to Kabul.  
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/11/20/calif-men-charged-terror-plot/1716215/>
30. *November 19, Government Security News* – (National; International) **Two Colombian government employees arrested for selling sensitive information.** A former prosecutor and a clerk in Colombia’s office of attorney general were arrested for allegedly selling sensitive information about U.S. narcotics prosecutions in New York. The two Colombian nationals were arrested November 16 in Bogota and charged with obstruction of justice, said U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). According to ICE HSI, an administrative services assistant in the office of the attorney general of Colombia, international affairs, and a former prosecutor at the attorney general’s office, were involved in a plot to obtain information on U.S. extradition requests.  
Source: [http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/27854?c=border\\_security](http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/27854?c=border_security)
31. *November 19, Herald and News* – (Oregon) **Bomb threat evacuates courthouses.** Bomb threats closed multiple courthouses across Oregon November 19, including the Klamath County Circuit Court and Lake County Circuit Court buildings. All threats were found to be false, according to the Oregon State Police. The Klamath County Government Center received a call reporting explosives were hidden in the basement and set to detonate in 25 minutes. Klamath County Undersheriff said many officers responded to the scene, including city police and sheriff’s deputies. Both the Klamath County Government Center and courthouse were evacuated until a bomb-sniffing dog could search each building. Oregon State Police said in a press release that 19 county courthouses and the Oregon Public Service Building in Salem received bomb threats made by phone. These calls mirror the eight reportedly phoned in across Washington State November 15 and nine reportedly made across Nebraska November 2. All of those calls were unfounded.  
Source: [http://www.heraldandnews.com/members/news/frontpage/article\\_63778980-32d7-11e2-8a1d-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.heraldandnews.com/members/news/frontpage/article_63778980-32d7-11e2-8a1d-001a4bcf887a.html)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

32. *November 20, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Hot Springs police station evacuated after bomb scare.** The Hot Springs, Arkansas Police Department was evacuated for about 2 hours after a resident brought in a suspected pipe bomb, the Associated Press

reported November 20. Police told the Hot Springs Sentinel-Record that all police employees were evacuated while the device was left in the parking lot out front. Police said the man found the device near the Historic Downtown Farmers and Artists Market. The device was a 12- to 14-inch piece of copper pipe sealed at both ends with what appeared to be wires attached. A bomb squad disarmed the device November 19. The device was sent to the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory in Little Rock for analysis. Source: <http://www.todaysthv.com/news/article/235211/2/Hot-Springs-police-station-evacuated-after-bomb-scare>

33. *November 20, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Inmate sentenced in deadly Miss. prison riot.** A Mexican man was sentenced November 19 to 40 months for his role in a prison riot in Mississippi in which one guard was killed and 20 people were injured. He was sentenced for participating in the May 20 riot at the privately-run Adams County Correctional Facility in Natchez. He pleaded guilty in August. The U.S. district judge also ordered the man to pay \$1.3 million restitution — the amount of estimated damage that occurred at the facility during the riot. He was charged with leading a group of inmates who took hostages in one section of the prison. Prosecutors told the judge that the inmate helped the FBI identify more than 30 inmates who participated in the riot. Source: [http://www.necn.com/11/20/12/Inmate-sentenced-in-deadly-Miss-prison-r/landing\\_nation.html?&apID=725adfbe1de1409c80965de5238c0b2f](http://www.necn.com/11/20/12/Inmate-sentenced-in-deadly-Miss-prison-r/landing_nation.html?&apID=725adfbe1de1409c80965de5238c0b2f)
34. *November 19, Mobile Press-Register* – (Alabama) **Mobile police: 2 men stole a wallet after saying they were cops, ordering victim to the ground.** Mobile, Alabama police are looking for three men after two of them claimed they were police officers, made a person get on the ground, and robbed them November 18. The suspects were wearing skull caps and black clothing at the time of the robbery. A third suspect was driving a car for the pair. Police said the first two suspects got out of the car November 18 and told the victim they were police officers and ordered the victim to the ground. They took the victim's wallet before getting back into the car and driving off. Source: [http://blog.al.com/live/2012/11/mobile\\_police\\_2\\_men\\_stole\\_a\\_wa.html](http://blog.al.com/live/2012/11/mobile_police_2_men_stole_a_wa.html)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

35. *November 20, The H* – (International) **Nintendo's Wii U Miiverse accidentally hacked.** Shortly after the Nintendo Wii U was released in North America, Trike, a user on the NeoGAF forums, gained access to the debug menu for Miiverse, the social network for Wii U players. Trike says he got access to the debug menu by pressing the X button while hovering the cursor over the exit button. The debug menu allowed him a look into admin lists, where he could have even changed administrators' passwords. To the delight of many users, he was also able to get an idea of games that will probably be released in the future because he was able to see forums that had already been set up for yet to be announced games. The vulnerability appears to have been fixed quickly. Nintendo later confirmed that the incident was not a hoax to UK gaming site CVG, but claimed the menu accessed was a "mock up" which has now been removed.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Nintendo-s-Wii-U-Miiverse-accidentally-hacked-1753062.html>

36. *November 20, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Researchers warn of ‘Cool’ exploit platform.** Users are being warned of the emergence of a new and popular malware exploit kit, dubbed ‘Cool’, which allows an attacker to remotely target security vulnerabilities in order to perform ‘drive by’ malware installations. Researchers said that in addition to serving up attacks, the tool is also able to perform more sophisticated functions, including scanning for browser and operating system and detecting potentially vulnerable plug-ins. According to two F-Secure researchers, Cool bears a strong resemblance to the Blackhole malware kit. The duo noted that a number of the attack targets, techniques, and updates displayed by Cool match that of Blackhole. The researchers pointed out that when new vulnerabilities are disclosed, Blackhole and Cool often show updates at similar times and target many of the same vulnerable components and versions. The F-Secure researchers also noted a resemblance between the two attack kits at the coding level, performing similar functions and operations when carrying out attacks. They noted that when attacking components such as Flash, the two kits even go so far as to use the same file names and code.  
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2225876/researchers-warn-of-cool-exploit-platform>
37. *November 20, The H* – (International) **Opera 12.11 fixes high-severity vulnerability.** The recent 12.11 release of Opera’s Web browser addresses a high-severity security vulnerability that could have allowed a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code on a victim’s system. According to the company, the problem in previous versions of the browser was caused by an error when handling HTTP responses that caused a heap-based buffer overflow. For an attack to be successful, a victim must first visit a maliciously crafted site. The update also closes a low-severity security hole that could have been used to detect what files a user has on their machine. Non-security-related changes include fixes for several issues related to the SPDY networking protocol, a problem that prevented Google’s Gmail email service from loading, and a crashing bug under Mac OS X. Opera advises all users to upgrade to the latest version.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Opera-12-11-fixes-high-severity-vulnerability-1753773.html>
38. *November 19, Dark Reading* – (International) **Israel draws ire of Anonymous.** As the fierce airstrikes between Israel and Hamas-led forces in the Gaza Strip rage on, another battle fought by volunteer cyberwarriors from around the world is striking out at Israel. Israeli officials November 18 said there have been more than 44 million hacking attempts against its government Web sites since the Gaza air strikes first began November 14. A few hundred attempts are made each day, they said, including cyberattack attempts against the defense, prime minister, president, and Foreign Ministry Web sites. Most of the attacks appear to be defacements and distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks, but some also include data dumps posted online, according to reports. Some 88 Web site defacements were posted on Pastebin. Israel’s finance minister said that just one hack was successful on a Web site that resulted in about 10



minutes of downtime, but he would not name the site.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/advanced-threats/167901091/security/attacks-breaches/240142355/israel-draws-ire-of-anonymous.html>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

39. *November 20, Nashua Telegraph* – (New Hampshire) **Saturday fire at Nashua Soup Kitchen apartment was arson, officials say.** A fire that destroyed an apartment building owned by the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter in Nashua, New Hampshire, November 17, was ruled as an arson. A Nashua Police spokesman confirmed November 19 that criminal bureau detectives had an active investigation into who intentionally set the fire November 17. The soup kitchen's executive director said she was hopeful that six of the families would be able to move back in the week of November 19. One of the apartments was vacant, she said. The fire left 24 tenants homeless. The Red Cross sheltered them in hotels and motels across the city, and soup kitchen officials were meeting November 19 to launch a full-scale recovery plan. Source: <http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/984329-469/saturday-fire-at-nashua-soup-kitchen-apartment.html>

40. *November 19, North Andover Eagle-Tribune* – (Massachusetts) **Suspicious powder sent to at least 4 businesses.** A suspect described as "mentally ill" sent or dropped off thank-you cards containing what turned out to be baking soda to at least four Merrimack Valley businesses in Massachusetts. Three nearly simultaneous reports of suspicious white powder were reported November 18, prompting a massive response by local and State police, the FBI, the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, and the regional Hazardous Materials Response Team to the Home Depot in Methuen, Home Health VNA in Lawrence, and the Edwards Law Office in Haverhill. Another card was received at a north Andover business, again bringing out the HAZMAT team and investigators. Haverhill Police said they have a suspect, but no arrest was made November 19. Detectives searched an apartment in Haverhill November 18, leaving with several plastic bags containing what appeared to be stationary and other items. Police warned people to be careful of anything suspicious received in the mail. "It is

believed that there may have been other envelopes containing the white powder mailed,” read a statement from Haverhill Police.

Source: <http://www.eagletribune.com/local/x1839359299/UPDATE-Suspicious-powder-mailed-to-Home-Depot-VNA-law-office>

41. *November 18, WKRN 2 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Lebanon church destroyed in overnight blaze.** Authorities are investigating after a Lebanon, Tennessee church was destroyed in a fire. The fire broke out November 17 at the Lebanon Church of God. The Lebanon Fire Department told the media it took more than two hours to get the blaze under control. The fire remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wkrn.com/story/20129892/lebanon-church-catches-fire-overnight>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

42. *November 19, KJZZ 91.5 FM Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Guilty plea in Sunflower Fire.** The man responsible for starting the nearly 18,000-acre Sunflower Fire has entered guilty pleas, KJZZ 91.5 FM Phoenix reported November 19. The Mesa, Arizona resident had been target shooting with a group of friends near Payson in May. He loaded his shotgun with a flame-throwing shell and, while firing at a soda box, ignited the brush. Shiflet pleaded guilty to a pair of federal charges. He faced up to one year in jail and ten thousand dollars in fines.

Source: <http://www.kjzz.org/content/1211/guilty-plea-sunflower-fire>

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